



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014**

**The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.**

**Mayor Leffingwell called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.**

**C. COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST**

C.2 Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 General Fund, Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20130909-001) by reducing the fund balance and increasing transfers in to the General Fund in the amount of \$350,000; increasing the transfer out to the Economic Development Fund by the same amount; and amending the Economic Development Fund Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20130909-001) to transfer in and appropriate \$350,000 for the Austin Technology Partnership, and waiving the requirements of Ordinance No. 20130909-001 relating to the City's General Fund Financial Policy No.14 that states that the reserve may be appropriated for capital or other one-time costs.

**This item was withdrawn indefinitely without objection.**

C.4 Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20130909-002) to increase appropriations by \$600,000 for facility renovations and improvements. Related to Item #C.5.

**A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Council Member Tovo and seconded by Council Member Morrison.**

**A substitute motion to postpone the item until the April 24 Budget Work Session failed on Mayor Pro Tem Cole's motion, Council Member Spelman's second on a 3-4 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Leffingwell, Mayor Pro Tem Cole and Council Member Spelman. Those voting nay were: Council Members Martinez, Morrison, Riley and Tovo.**

**Ordinance No. 20140318-C004 failed on Council Member Tovo's motion, Council Member Morrison's second on a 3-4 vote. Those voting aye were: Council Member Martinez, Morrison and Tovo. Those voting nay were: Mayor Leffingwell, Mayor Pro Tem Cole and Council Members Spelman and Riley.**

**Direction was given to staff to resubmit this item for Council action after the April 24<sup>th</sup> Budget Work Session using existing capital funding available in the FY14 PARD budget with a list of priority projects identified by PARD that would not be funded by shifting the funds to this project.**

C.5 Approve a resolution declaring the City of Austin's official intent to reimburse itself from November 2012 General Obligation Bonds to be issued for expenditures related to the 2012 Bond Program Proposition 14

Parks and Recreation Department facility renovations and improvements in the amount of \$600,000. Related to Item #C.4.

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- C.1 Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20130909-001) to revise the City’s financial policy related to amendments to the Adopted Budget and waiving City Code Section 2-3-9(C) relating to review of financial policies by the Audit and Finance Committee.  
**A motion to postponed this item until April 10, 2014 was approved on Council Member Spelman’s motion, Council Member Martinez’ second on a 7-0 vote.**

**Direction was given to staff to review previous mid-year budget amendments to ensure the policy does not preclude Council from adopting similar amendments; expand the policy to include capital budget in addition to the operating budget; identify if there different standards used for amendments to the operating budget versus the capital budget; and include in the policy how bond funds are used.**

- C.3 Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 General Fund, Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20130909-001) by reducing the fund balance and increasing transfers in to the General Fund in the amount of \$200,000; increasing the transfer out to Capital Improvement Projects by the same amount; and amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Planning and Development Review Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20130909-002) to transfer in and appropriate \$200,000 for the South Shore Central Small Area Plan.  
**This item was withdrawn without objection.**

**The Mayor Pro Tem introduced the agenda for the March 20, 2014 Council meeting and allowed Council to give input or ask questions on any item posted on the agenda. Staff was available to provide verbal responses to Council questions. Discussion was held on the following items taken from Thursday’s agenda.**

- 6. Approve an ordinance establishing the value of the exemption from ad valorem taxes for a portion of the appraised value of residential homesteads owned by individuals who are disabled or are 65 years of age or older.
- 28. Approve an ordinance authorizing the negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to purchase in fee simple five tracts of land totaling approximately 23.431 acres in Travis County, Texas, located along Old San Antonio Road, from Eric Arnold Wunneburger, individually and as executor of the Estate of Flora Wunneburger a/k/a Flora Wunneburger a/k/a Betty Wunneburger, deceased, and Gregg W. Wunneburger, for a total amount not to exceed \$885,000, authorizing the naming

of the tract as the Wunneburger Park, and waiving City Code Chapter 14-1 requirements related to naming public property.

- 53. Approve a resolution amending the City's legislative agenda to include support for legislation that addresses unfair disparities in pay and directing the City Manager to conduct a study of current City employees to ensure that city employees are paid fairly based on lawful, job-related qualifications. (Notes: SPONSOR: Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole CO 1: Council Member William Spelman)
  
- 49. Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to engage community stakeholders, including City departments, educational institutions, non-profit organizations, and other government entities in defining the vision for Austin as a welcoming city for immigrants and to assist the Commission on Immigrant Affairs in hosting a "Welcoming City" conference to accomplish this goal. (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Mike Martinez CO 1: Council Member William Spelman)

**Mayor Pro Tem Cole adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m. without objection.**

**The minutes were approved on this the 27th day of March, 2014 on Mayor Pro Tem Cole's motion, Council Member Spelman's second on a 7-0 vote.**